

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

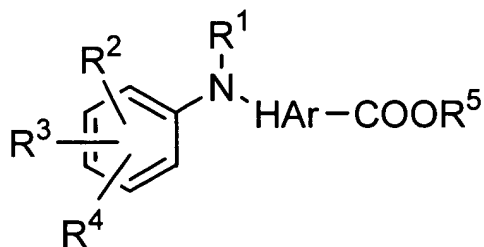
**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

### AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification, as follows:

Page 4, between lines 8 and 9, please insert the following paragraph:

The present invention also relates to a compound or a salt thereof represented by the following formula (I):



wherein R<sup>1</sup> represents hydrogen atom, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkenyl group, or an acyl group, R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> independently represent hydrogen atom or a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group or adjacent R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> may combine together with carbon atoms on the benzene ring to which they bind to form an aromatic 5- to 7-membered ring or non-aromatic 5- to 7-membered ring which may be substituted; R<sup>4</sup> represents hydrogen atom, hydroxyl group, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkoxy group, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl group, nitro group, or a halogen atom; and HAr-COOR<sup>5</sup> is 5-carboxy-pyrimidine-2-yl.

Moreover, the present invention also relates to medicament compositions of the compounds of the present invention, methods for treatment and/or prevention of diabetes, methods for treatment and/or prevention of complications of diabetes, and methods for controlling retinoid action.